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Little Beach Gazette

Halloween Cruise Update . . .

The 5th Annual Halloween Nude Cruise is a GO and is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 30, 1-5 PM. We will be cruising on the Maka Kai, a large catamaran. It is approximately twice the size of the Maui Magic and has an extensive shaded area with a sizable serving bar for food. Several FOLB members have taken cruises on this boat before and speak well of it.

The boat is moored in slip #66 which is on the breakwater side of the harbor (see map below). Boarding will begin around 12:45 for a 1 PM departure. After discussing boat and cruise details with the owners, we have agreed that the boat will provide heavy pupus (Roast Kula Pork with Portuguese Sweet Rolls and sticky rice, Veggie and Fruit Platters, Assorted Meat and Cheese Platter and Maui Chips). They will also provide sodas. Friends of Little Beach will provide beer and wine as the Maka Kai does not yet have their liquor license. (Beer and wine will be on the boat so this is not BYO). For those cruisers who still feel the need to make and bring a pupu to share, please do.



The best news is that the cost for cruisers will not change: \$45 per FOLB member, \$85 per FOLB member couple, and \$50 for non-FOLB members. We encourage you to leave a tip for the crew if you enjoy the trip and service.

Keeping with tradition, there will be a Halloween Costume Contest during the cruise. As encouragement, there will be prizes for the three best costumes. First prize is a \$40 certificate good toward a future cruise; second prize is a \$20 discount for FOLB membership dues; and third prize is a FOLB Tee shirt or Tank top. We will ask

the crew to be impartial judges for us. Participation is not mandatory, but highly encouraged in keeping with the fun and spirit of our cruises.

Several cruisers have already made confirmed reservations, and past cruises have been very popular so get your names in early. To make a confirmed reservation, please send a check to FOLB, PO Box 841, Pu'unene, HI 96784 or give your payment to Dave or Miriam. So, grab your sunscreen and towel, make a costume, make your reservation for the cruise and plan to have a great time. ☺



Little Beach Beat . . .

The beach had been relatively quiet and constant all summer. Then, a large, intense storm near New Zealand sent a huge swell that arrived the week of Sept 12. Faces of 8-12 feet were predicted and breakers achieved that height on the South-facing shores. The entire West and South sides of Maui were hammered with high surf. Several boats were torn from their moorings and smashed on the shores (see photo). Some roadways were flooded for brief periods of time. In what is becoming a regular safety measure, local authorities closed Makena State Park Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 14 and 15. Big Beach suffered more

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erosion than LB did and LB was showing signs of filling in by Friday, Sept. 16. Makena Road was closed south of the Park to all but residents due to high surf and dangerous road conditions. Adding to the wild conditions were very high high tides. Most of the high highs in Sept. were at or above 2 feet. This meant that the surf was reaching the back of both BB and LB. There were a lot of wet blankets on both beaches for many days.



On Sunday, Sept 25, Michael Cooney, writer and photographer for "N" Magazine of The Naturalist Society, and his wife will be on Little Beach. Michael will be gathering material for an upcoming article on the naturist opportunities on Maui. He plans to interview several FOLBers and take some pics for the article. This will be the third time in several years that FOLB has been featured in "N".

Those who are familiar with the wetland area on the North side of the Park will see significant changes on your next visit. The restoration involves clearing out all the over-growth of kiawe trees and brush that has occurred for many years. This overgrowth has reduced the wetland area and the habitat for several Maui birds, some of which are on the endangered species list. This work is being funded in part by the Condominium Development on the North side of the wetlands. This condo development is a property that has three separate single-family residences being built on it. It is situated makai of the road at the curve where the golf carts go under the road. The Park will benefit by having these wetland improvements made at little cost to the State and the residences will benefit by the improvement to their property since part of the wetland is on the condo property. The wetland area can be reached by taking the driveway into Black Sand Beach and walking from the parking area to the end of the beach. ☼

Maui Magic Update . . .

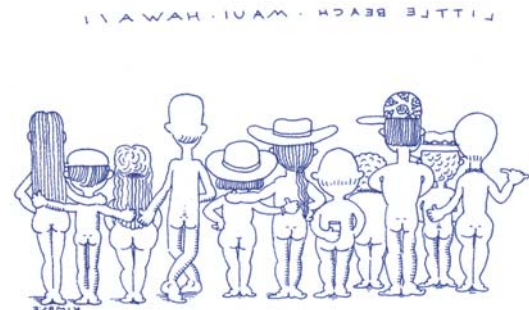
Tom Collins finally had a chance to talk with Captain Charlene about the decision to not do business with Friends of Little Beach. She confirmed the reasons given to us by the office. Maui Classic Charters has received complaints from other boat captains/owners who received complaints from their customers. One example: a gentleman on a boat that was near us told their captain "I came all the way from ___ to vacation with my grandchildren. We did not come here to see a bunch of nude people on the boat next to us." So apparently boat and harbor politics are the main reasons MCC's stopping our business relationship. She confirmed there was no complaint about any inappropriate behavior by the cruisers. ☼

Tee Shirts and Tank Tops . . .



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We have received another shipment of Tees and Tanks but have changed the colors. The shirts and tanks are medium grey color and the characters (front and back) are dark blue. The design is the same as before. We have already sold several to locals and others who had standing orders with us. If these shirts continue to be as popular as before, we will continue to order more. As before, the price is \$15 each. However, we are now asking you to pay the USPS postage. We send these by Priority Mail flat rate envelope. We can get two into an envelope for the flat rate of \$3.85, except for XL and XXL sizes. Those have to be shipped one to an envelope. By adding the mailing costs we are able to offset the increased cost of the order to FOLB. ☼



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